#### Claims

What is claimed is:

### 1. A method, comprising:

correlating a stream of received samples with a correlation word, said stream having a first base rate of said received samples per received symbol, said stream having a first fractional rate of said received samples per received symbol, said correlation word having a first base rate of looked-for samples per received symbol, said correlation word having a first fractional rate of looked-for samples per received sample, said first base rate of received samples equal to said base rate of looked-for samples, said first fractional rate of received samples greater than said first fractional rate of looked-for samples.

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said stream further comprises a stream of binary samples.
- 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising decimating at a decimations rate a second stream of received samples to produce stream of received samples.
- 4. The method of claim 2 wherein said decimation rate further comprises a decimation rate of 2:1.
- 5. The method of claim 4 wherein said second stream of received samples is formed with an 8:1 oversampling rate.

- 6. The method of claim 2 wherein said decimation rate further comprises a decimation rate of 3:1.
- 7. The method of claim 6 wherein said second stream of received samples is formed with a 13:1 oversampling rate.
- 8. The method of claim 1 wherein said stream of received samples further comprises a repeating sampling pattern of 5, 4 and 4 samples per received symbol.
- 9. The method of claim 8 wherein said correlation word further comprises a repeating sampling pattern of 5, 4, 4, and 4 samples per received symbol.
- 10. The method of claim 1 wherein said stream of received samples further comprise samples of a received BLUETOOTH synchronization word.
- 11. The method of claim 1 wherein said first base rate of received samples and said base rate of looked-for samples are both equal to 4 samples per received symbol.
- 12. The method of claim 1 wherein said first fractional rate of received samples is 1 sample per 3 received symbols and said first fractional rate of looked-for samples is 1 sample per 4 looked for symbols.

### 13.A method, comprising:

correlating a stream of received samples with a correlation word, said stream having a first base rate of said received samples per received symbol, said stream having a first fractional rate of said received samples per received symbol, said correlation word having a first base rate of looked-for samples per received symbol, said correlation word having a first fractional rate of looked-for samples per received sample, said correlation word having a second fractional rate of looked-for samples per received sample, said first base rate of received samples equal to said base rate of looked-for samples, said first fractional rate of received samples greater than said first fractional rate of looked-for samples, said first fractional rate of looked-for samples.

- 14. The method of claim 13 wherein said stream further comprises a stream of binary samples.
- 15. The method of claim 13 further comprising decimating at a decimation rate a second stream of received samples to produce stream of received samples.
- 16. The method of claim 15 wherein said decimation rate further comprises a decimation rate of 2:1.
- 17. The method of claim 16 wherein said second stream of received samples is formed with an 8:1 oversampling rate.

- 18. The method of claim 15 wherein said decimation rate further comprises a decimation rate of 3:1.
- 19. The method of claim 18 wherein said second stream of received samples is formed with a 13:1 oversampling rate.
- 20. The method of claim 13 wherein said stream of received samples further comprises a repeated sampling pattern of 5, 4 and 4 samples per received symbol.
- 21. The method of claim 20 wherein said correlation word further comprises a repeated sampling pattern of 5, 4, 4, and 4 samples per received symbol.
- 22. The method of claim 13 wherein said correlation word is bit stuffed such that the summation of said first and said second fractional rates of looked-for samples is equal to said first fractional rate of received samples.
- 23. The method of claim 13 wherein said stream of received samples further comprise samples of a received BLUETOOTH synchronization word.
- 24. The method of claim 13 wherein said first base rate of received samples and said base rate of looked-for samples are both equal to 4 samples per received symbol.

25. The method of claim 13 wherein said first fractional rate of received samples is 1 sample per 3 received symbols and said first fractional rate of looked-for samples is 1 sample per 4 looked for symbols.

26. An apparatus, comprising:

a correlator unit that correlates a stream of received samples with a correlation word, said stream having a first base rate of said received samples per received symbol, said stream having a first fractional rate of said received samples per received symbol, said correlation word having a first base rate of looked-for samples per received symbol, said correlation word having a first fractional rate of looked-for samples per received sample, said first base rate of received samples equal to said base rate of looked-for samples, said first fractional rate of received samples greater than said first fractional rate of looked-for samples.

- 27. The apparatus of claim 26 further comprising a decimator that provides said stream of received samples to said correlator unit, said decimator applying a decimation rate to a second stream of samples which are provided to said decimator.
- 28. The apparatus of claim 27 further comprising a slicer that provides said second stream of received samples to said decimator.
- 29. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said decimation rate further comprises a decimation rate of 2:1.

- 30. The apparatus of claim 29 wherein said second stream of received samples is formed with an 8:1 oversampling rate.
- 31. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said decimation rate further comprises a decimation rate of 3:1.
- 32. The apparatus of claim 31 wherein said second stream of received samples is formed with a 13:1 oversampling rate.
- 33. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said stream of received samples further comprises a repeating sampling pattern of 5, 4 and 4 samples per received symbol.
- 34. The apparatus of claim 33 wherein said correlation word further comprises a repeating sampling pattern of 5, 4, 4, and 4 samples per received symbol.
- 35. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said correlation word is stored in a storage resource that is accessible to said correlator unit.
- 36. The apparatus of claim 35 wherein said storage resource further comprises a register.
- 37. The apparatus of claim 35 wherein said storage resource further comprises a memory cell.

- 38. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said stream of received samples further comprise samples of a received BLUETOOTH synchronization word.
- 39. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said first base rate of received samples and said base rate of looked-for samples are both equal to 4 samples per received symbol.
- 40. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said first fractional rate of received samples is 1 sample per 3 received symbols and said first fractional rate of looked-for samples is 1 sample per 4 looked for symbols.

## 41. A method, comprising:

correlating a stream of received samples with a correlation word, said stream having one of a plurality of different possible received sampling pattern phases, said correlation word corresponding to a sampling of looked-for symbols, said sampling of looked for symbols having a sampling pattern constructed with different components, wherein each of said components represents one of said different possible received sampling pattern phases.

- 42. The method of claim 41 wherein said stream of received samples corresponds to a received baseband signal that is oversampled at a rate of 13:1, decimated at a rate of 3:1 and sliced so as to produced binary samples.
- 43. The method of claim 41 wherein said different possible received sampling pattern phases are 544..., 454..., and 445....

- 44. The method of claim 43 wherein said different sampling pattern components are 544, 454 and 445.
- 45. The method of claim 44 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 544 454 445....
- 46. The method of claim 44 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 445 454 544....
- 47. The method of claim 44 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 454 544 445....
- 48. The method of claim 44 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 445 544 454....
- 49. The method of claim 44 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 544 445 454....
- 50. The method of claim 44 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 454 445 544....

# 51. An apparatus, comprising:

a correlator unit that correlates a stream of received samples with a correlation word, said stream having one of a plurality of different possible received sampling pattern phases, said correlation word corresponding to a sampling of looked-for symbols, said sampling of looked for symbols having a sampling pattern constructed with different components, wherein each of said components represents one of said different possible received sampling pattern phases.

- 52. The appratus of claim 51 wherein said stream of received samples corresponds to a received baseband signal that is oversampled at a rate of 13:1, decimated at a rate of 3:1 and sliced so as to produced binary samples.
- 53. The appratus of claim 51 wherein said different possible received sampling pattern phases are 544..., 454..., and 445....
- 54. The apparatus of claim 53 wherein said different sampling pattern components are 544, 454 and 445.
- 55. The apparatus of claim 54 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 544 454 445....
- 56. The apparatus of claim 54 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 445 454 544....

- 57. The apparatus of claim 54 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 454 544 445....
- 58. The apparatus of claim 54 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 445 544 454....
- 59. The apparatus of claim 54 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 544 445 454....
- 60. The apparatus of claim 54 wherein said sampling pattern constructed with different components further comprises a repeating pattern of 454 445 544....